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**Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66**

President  
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

As we approach the end of 2003, we can look back on another outstanding year at Northwestern State University.

Your University has also had an excellent fall semester. A record fall enrollment of 10,505 was recorded in part because of hard work by our faculty, staff and students. Our alumni also play a major role in recruiting students by letting us know about outstanding students and spreading the word about Northwestern in their communities.

Recently, I had the chance to spend some time with some of the young men and women in Northwestern's ROTC program, the Demon Battalion. Led by Lt. Col. Claton Chandler, Northwestern has developed one of the top ROTC programs in the region. The program's objective is to commission 15 lieutenants each year, but they were able to commission 19 this year. That number should increase to 24 next year and 27 in 2007.

The Demon Battalion also continues to exceed their brigade, region, and national averages in four performance areas during the National Advanced Leadership Course at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Over the years, our ROTC program has produced seven general officers. We are proud of all those who are associated with ROTC at Northwestern and their willingness to serve our country.

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center recently co-hosted an international Creole Studies Conference in New Orleans. This conference brought together scholars and those with an interest in Creole Heritage from around the world. Early this year, NSU and Tulane University formed a Creole Studies Consortium that is already bringing positive attention to NSU.

Also, The Gulf States Regional Community Policing Institute (GSRCP) which is located on our campus recently received a \$700,000 grant to continue its excellent work. The Institute provides training to law enforcement agencies and individuals in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Northwestern also continues to excel in the electronic delivery of classes, enabling students to take classes, anytime, anywhere. According to the latest statistics, students in 60 of 64 Louisiana parishes and 14 states are logging on through our eNSU portal.

NSU is an exciting place to be because we have so many people dedicated to excellence in all areas. Your continued support means so much to us and allows Northwestern to be the university of choice for outstanding students.

**Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91**  
Director Alumni and Development



Fellow Alumni and Friends,

We all know the impact of Northwestern State University on the northwest region of Louisiana. Since 1884, our students, faculty and alumni have made significant contributions to the life and culture of this part of the state. But, one aspect that we often underestimate is the impact of Northwestern State University on a much more global front.

This influence is exemplified with the continued successes and accomplishments of our students, faculty and alumni. I continue to be amazed at the wealth of talent that is produced right here at "Normal College". Just this past year, our Computer Information Systems team won its third consecutive NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP in Systems Analysis, and was chosen as one of the top five programs in the nation by State Farm Insurance. Many other successes can be cited in our colleges of Education, Nursing, Science and Technology, Liberal Arts, The Louisiana Scholars' College and The University College.

Also, our faculty continue to be leaders in their respective disciplines by teaching, researching and publishing nationally and worldwide. The accomplishments of our alumni continue to enhance the reputation and prestige of our university. Our graduates continue to hold leadership roles in many fields. This impressive point could not have been more typified than during Homecoming this past semester. At that time, NSU recognized several of our graduates whose achievements had worldwide impact. From an army general, to a journalist for the *Wall Street Journal*, to a CEO of an international company, to a leader in nursing education, to one of the nation's most influential political advisor and strategist, NSU's influence stood tall.

Northwestern State University is an outstanding university and we should all be proud of the many student, faculty and alumni achievements. We have grown from a college with a regional impact to a thriving university with international influence. Let's all spread the word of the many accomplishments of NSU and our alumni. We have a lot to share.

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# Built for Success

**NSU computer information systems gaining recognition as one of the nation's best**

Computer information systems students at Northwestern State University do their work on the best available equipment. Students have access to the fastest desktop computers and the software most widely used in business and industry. But having the best hardware and software isn't why NSU has built one of the nation's best computer information systems program. It all comes down to the people involved in the program.

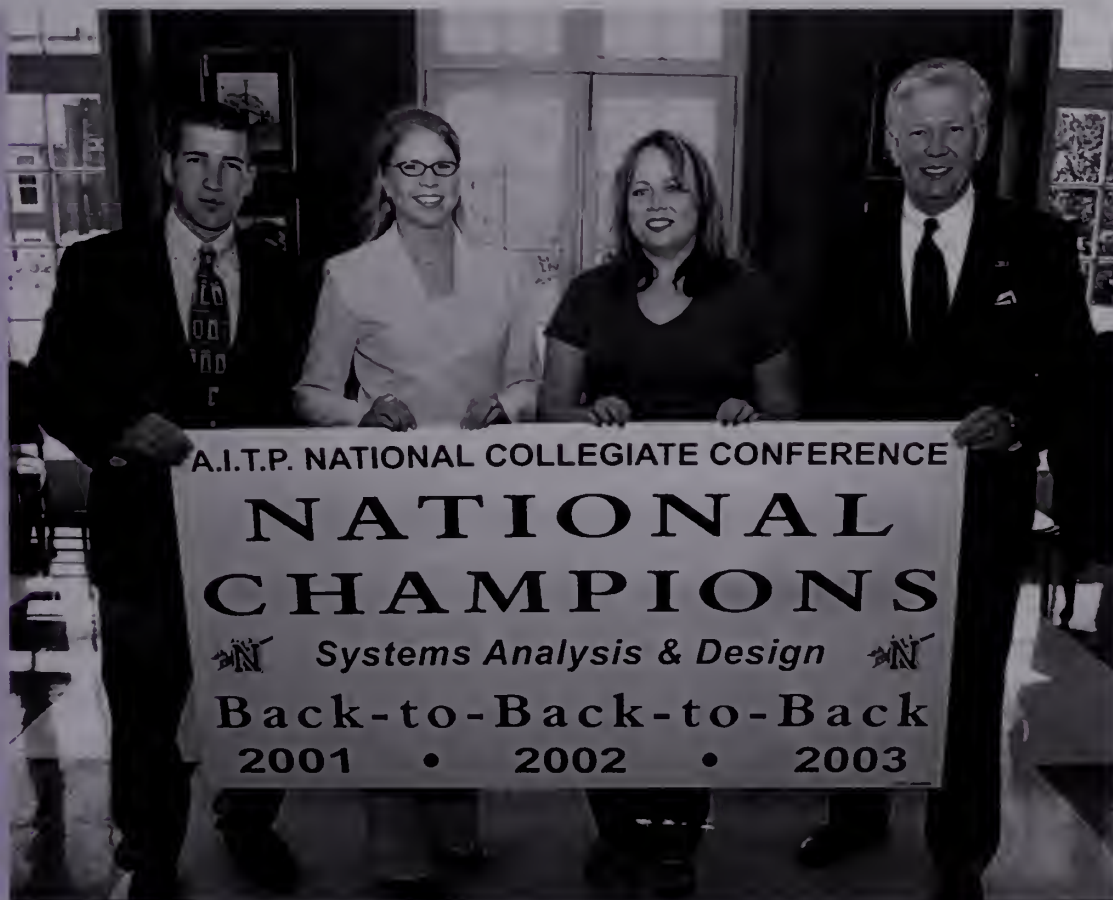
Recently, Northwestern's computer information systems program was selected as one of the top five in the U.S. by the information systems department at State Farm Insurance. Each year, the department designates five programs as "Key Schools." NSU was chosen as one of the top computer information systems programs in the U.S. along with Indiana University, Mansfield University, Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois – Chicago.

"We have managed to assemble a group of excellent teachers in all areas of the program," said Dr. Jack Russell, the coordinator of the computer information systems program at Northwestern. "We stay with the students because the program is the size that we can be like a family. We make them toe the mark, but the faculty is in the labs working with the students. We go elbow to elbow with them to make sure they are successful."

NSU has gained the attention of some of the country's best-known businesses because of its success in national competition. Students from NSU have won three consecutive national titles in

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Computer information systems students from Northwestern State University have won the national championship in systems analysis and design for the third year in a row at the Association of Information Technology Professionals Collegiate Conference. Shown (from left) are team members Andy Baragona, Kelly Ellis and Kelly McKenzie and Northwestern State president Randall J. Webb.



## Roll for Success *continued*

systems analysis and design at the Association of Information Technology Professionals Collegiate Conference along with a top finish in paper presentation in 2001. NSU has also tallied a second place finish in COBOL programming, Banner – Creative in 2002 and a second in E-commerce and Web development in 2002 and a third place finish this year.

The competition is good for us because it's like a real world situation," said senior CIS major Susan Little of Longville. "We learn a lot from it because the problems we face at competition is close to those we would face in the workplace. Our accomplishments give us something to be proud of and should help us get jobs."

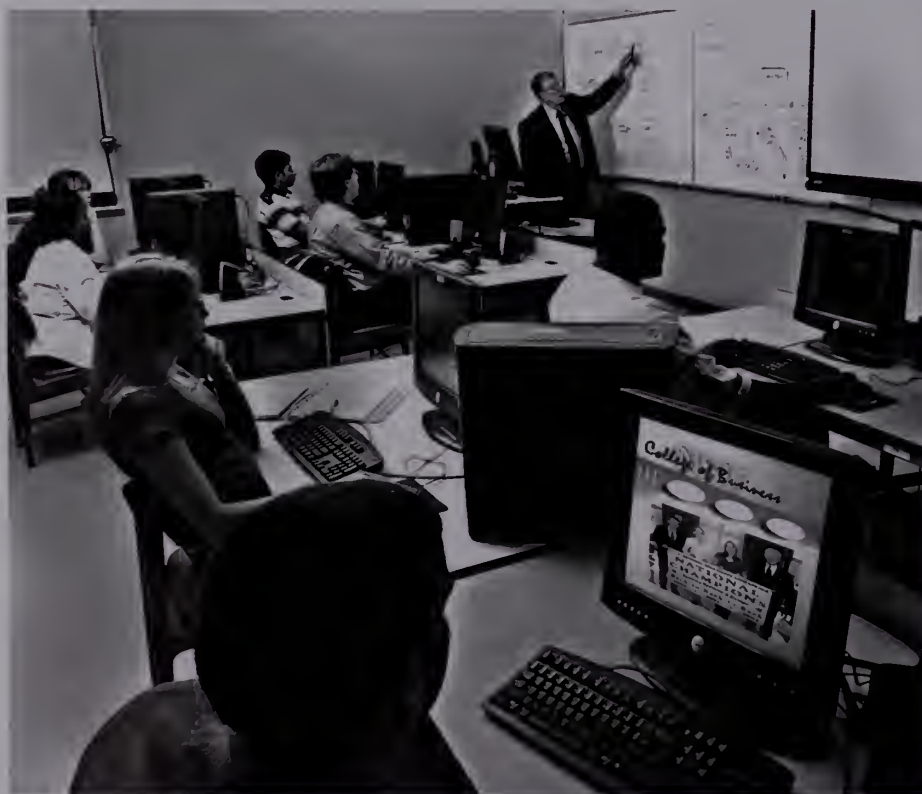
NSU has established relationships with companies including State Farm, JC Penney and Wal-Mart. Each of these companies hire students for internships that often lead to permanent jobs.

"We maintain close contacts with business and industry, so we can continue to teach the skills that businesses want," said Instructor of Computer Information Systems Barbara Russell. "Our current students see the success our graduates have when they get jobs and begin moving up. They want to do well because they see success at the end of the road."

According to Barbara Russell, the program concentrates on placing graduates in companies with large information technology departments. She said NSU would like to have more graduates working in Louisiana, but opportunities are limited.

An important part of the curriculum for Northwestern students is a solid background in all areas of business in addition to computing.

Often, computer gurus don't know business and management doesn't know computers. We give them the best of both worlds."



"We take the same business courses everyone else does," said senior James Marsh of Leesville. "That includes management and marketing courses. Because of that, we will be able to relate to people in other areas of the company and can be on the same page."

Students work with the latest programs by Microsoft and Oracle and widely used applications like Rational Rose. Learning programming languages such as COBOL is also vital for students.

"Approximately 85 percent of businesses need applications that can't be bought off the shelf," said Jack Russell. "That requires modifications and tailoring the application to the client. Smaller businesses may buy a vendor package then think 'If it could only do this or that.' Programmers are needed to add on to a package."

That type of programming work is ideal for many of the students.

"Programming is so complex and challenging. You have to be very detailed," said Holly Nguyen, a senior from New Orleans. "Being able to spot little mistakes and be analytical is very important. Sometimes I will stay up until 3 or 4 a.m. to try to catch a problem. I talk to friends at other universities and they don't enjoy programming languages. I enjoy them, even though they are tedious, because the faculty teaches it so well."

"Our students have the knowledge to be programmers and systems analysts/business analysts," said Jack Russell. "They know how to talk to business leaders and understand what management tell them. III



## Alumni and Development director named



**D**r. Chris Maggio has been named director of alumni and development at Northwestern State University.

Maggio will head NSU's fund raising efforts including the university's capital campaign which will be announced next year. He will oversee the NSU Foundation, NSU Alumni Association, as well as the Offices of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs.

"Chris is an individual who has a great love for Northwestern and its people," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "I know he will continue working diligently to help the university continue to move forward. His enthusiasm is contagious and has a way of helping rekindle the positive feelings alumni and friends have for this special place."

A 1985 graduate of Northwestern in physical education, Maggio earned a master's in physical education at Northwestern. He received a doctorate in developmental education from Grambling State University.

Maggio has been a member of Northwestern's staff for 15 years. After serving as assistant track and field and cross country coach for one year, he was head women's track and field and women's cross country coach from 1989 until 1994 when he was named assistant athletic director.

Later that year, Maggio was named director of admissions and recruiting and was promoted to director of enrollment services three years later. In 1999, he was selected to be director of alumni affairs.

Maggio was an instructor in the Department of Health and Physical Education from 1988 until 1994. In 2002, he was made an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance. Before returning to NSU, Maggio was an instructor and coach at St. Mary's School in Natchitoches.

His professional involvement includes membership in the Association of Louisiana Alumni Executives which he chaired in 2001-02. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the Graduate "N" Club.

Maggio is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches, the Advisory Board of First Federal Bank of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches Economic Development Commission and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Foundation Board.

He was co-chair of the NCAA Cycle II Certification Process for the NSU Athletic Department and has served on several campus search committees.

## NSU Increases Its Commitment to Life-Long-Learning

**N**orthwestern's commitment to life-long learning is more prominent than ever with the help of Luke Dowden, 1999 graduate of NSU and the assistant director of university recruiting for graduate and adult studies.

*"My role is to boost our enrollment in the graduate school, on-line degree programs and adult students," Dowden said. "I provide a relationship to Northwestern beyond career fairs."*

Dowden has centralized efforts to increase the response rate for NSU graduate programs. Attending school fairs and promoting the programs give him the opportunity to attract serious, quality

graduate students. He can easily attract people who are already prepared to attend graduate school.

Students in the on-line degree programs find Dowden to be the key point of entry into Northwestern. He gives them advice on everything from buying books to meeting with an advisor. These students may rarely see Northwestern's campus, but know they can count on Dowden to provide them with the information they need, even if the contact is only by e-mail.



Luke Dowden

Dowden is also the first stop for adult students, any adult 24 years or older, graduate or undergraduate. These students are often intimidated whether entering college for the first time or returning to school

to make a career change. Dowden not only connects them with an academic advisor, but is readily available to answer any questions that arise.

Northwestern's commitment to life-long learning will boost the already increasing number of adult learners and graduate students. Dowden provides the information they need to make the transition and become successful students.

## Two NSU alumni added to the NSU Alumni and Development Staff



Jill Parker Bankston

Jill Parker Bankston has been named assistant director of development and Kristi Simms has been named as a development information specialist at Northwestern State University.

Bankston is a graduate of Northwestern. She earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality management and tourism. Bankston served as director of Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches for the past five years and was also director of Congregational Events for two years.

She has also been a part-time and full-time elementary school teacher at St. Mary's School in Natchitoches. Bankston also worked at the Press Box Restaurant in Natchitoches for seven years as a member of the wait staff, head waitress and as manager for five years.

As a student at NSU, Bankston was an honor roll student and was a freshman connector for three years. She was a member of Phi Mu Fraternity and served as a senator in the Student Government Association.



Kristi Simms

Simms received a bachelor's in journalism and a master's in student personnel services from Northwestern. She was manager of university relations for Z University in North Louisiana, managing and maintaining several Web sites and implementing marketing concepts used by the entire company. Simms was also an accounts manager at Cenla.com, managing a full-time sales staff. Simms was an intern in NSU's Counseling Center while working on her master's degree.

A member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity, Simms was an academic scholarship recipient. She also received the Outstanding Counseling Student Award. III

## Three join the Alumni Association Board

Three new members joined Northwestern State University's Alumni Association Board of Directors during the group's annual meeting Homecoming weekend Oct. 24-25.

Rick Walmsley of Covington, Brandon "Scott" Andrews of Baton Rouge and J. Michael Wilburn of Shreveport will serve a three-year term on the board.

Walmsley, a 1985 graduate, began work as an insurance agent with Farm Bureau Insurance in July 1991. After achieving numerous company awards and production levels, he was promoted in 1998 to manage the Slidell Area Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

Walmsley is married to Julie Messina Walmsley, a 1989 graduate. They have a two-year-old son, Conner.

Andrews, a 1992 graduate, began work as a PPO Contract Negotiators for the State Employees Group Benefits Program in Baton Rouge. In 1993, he began law school at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU where he became a member of the Louisiana Law Review. Scott graduated with membership in The Order of the Coif (top 10 percent) of each graduating class and was elected to membership in The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

After graduation in 1996, Andrews went to work for the law firm of Due Caballero, Price & Guidry, APA in Baton Rouge. On January 1, 2000, the firm name was changed to include Scott.

Andrews is married to Charlotte and they have two children, Brandon, 3 and Amanda, 1.

Wilburn, a 1975 graduate, owns Wilburn Financial Group, a financial and investment advisory firm in Shreveport for the past 20 years.

Wilburn served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He was awarded the Bronze Star and two purple hearts for wounds

received in battle. He was also awarded the Army Commendation medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Wilburn has served on the Independence Bowl Board of Directors for the past 10 years; served several years on the NSU Athletic Board of Directors. He is the past president of the East Shreveport Rotary Club; board member and charitable giving coordinator of the Shreveport Chapter of the American Red Cross and has served as the vice president of the ArkLaTex Chapter of Certified Financial Planners.

Wilburn is married to Devora. They have five children.



**Seated L to R:** Ginger Wiggins ('86), Carroll Long ('70), Adrian Howard ('89), Gail Jones ('81, '98), Leonard Endris, Buddy Shaw, Jerry Brungart, Mike Sawrie, Allen Horton, Matt Koury, Bryant Lewis

**Standing L to R:** Scott Andrews ('92), Dane Broussard ('86), Joe Cunningham ('84), Glen Talbert ('64), Tommy Chester ('69), Mike Wilburn ('75), Jimmy Williams ('93), David Morgan ('73)



## Excellence in Teaching Recipients Honored During Homecoming

Dr. Susan T. Pierce



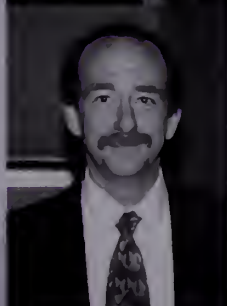
Dr. Dennette Derby McDermott



Dr. William I. Dickens



Dr. Scott Roach



Dr. Shirley A. Stave



Dr. Lorna Gifford



Six Northwestern State University faculty members have been selected as recipients of the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award. Those chosen were Dr. Susan T. Pierce of the College of Nursing; Dr. Dennette Derby McDermott of the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. William I. Dickens of the College of Science and Technology; Dr. Scott Roach of the College of Business; Dr. Shirley A. (Holly) Stave of the Louisiana Scholars' College and Dr. Lorna Gifford of the College of Education. Colleagues in their respective academic colleges chose the honorees.

Each were honored during the Homecoming 2003 activities including recognition at the annual Homecoming Banquet.

Pierce has been an associate professor of nursing since 1992. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from NSU.

She is seated on the Interagency Council for Nursing Information and is serving on an appointed position to the American Nurses Association Committee on Nursing Practice Information Infrastructure (CNPII) that oversees criteria and definition for recognition of nursing standardized languages. Pierce has also been active in presentations to nursing organizations locally, statewide, regionally and nationally since 1996.

McDermott has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1993 and is an associate professor of flute. She earned her bachelor's from Michigan State University, a master's from the University of Michigan and her doctorate from the University of North Texas.

McDermott is currently the National Flute Association International liaison and a member of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra. She is also a former recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award. McDermott has performed around the U.S. and internationally. She was the organizer of the first flute festival held in Slovakia.

Dickens has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1988. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree from East Carolina College and his doctorate from Louisiana State University.

During his career, Dickens has coached football, tennis and lacrosse at East Carolina University, managed the LSU athletic dorm and field house and taught a variety of coursework at four

universities. He has made more than 60 health and physical education presentations at state, regional and national conferences, served as president of the Northern Kentucky Area Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity and as president of both Kentucky and Louisiana Health and Physical Education Associations.

Dickens has also served on the Kentucky Governor's Task Force on Health and Fitness and the NSU Athletic Council. He helped develop the National Standards for Youth Sports, served as Director of Graduate Studies in Education at Northern Kentucky University and assisted in physiological testing of the 1984 Olympic Soccer Team. He has served as head of the Department of Health and Physical Education at NKU and NSU.

Roach has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1987 and is an associate professor of marketing. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NSU and his doctorate from Louisiana State University. Roach has served as the chairman of the University Planning Committee, developed a master's level course in sports marketing and promotion and developed a course for the College of Business in services marketing. He was named the Student Government Association's Teacher of the Year in 1996.

Stave has been a member of NSU's faculty for six years and is an associate professor. She earned her bachelor's degree at Concordia College and her doctorate from the University of Minnesota. Stave was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award at Oxford College of Emory University in 1993 and was first runner up for the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award at NSU in 2001.

Gifford has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1998 and is a professor of education. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate from Texas A&M University. Gifford is a member of the American Educational Research Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

Gifford was the first instructor at NSU to teach a course via the Internet. She was recognized in the 2002 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers and served as a proposal reviewer for Division K: Teacher Education of the American Educational Research Association. III

## Husband and Wife Named Recipients of the President's Distinguished Service Award

**D**r. Tom Paul Southerland and Maxine Aycock Southerland were named as the 2003 recipients of the President's Distinguished Service Award at Northwestern State University. This honor is presented annually by Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to the university.

"Dr. Tom Paul Southerland and Mrs. Maxine Aycock Southerland have made a major positive impact for decades on education, historic preservation, and other civic and cultural activities in Natchitoches and throughout Louisiana," said Webb. "They are Northwestern alumni and former members of the University's faculty and administration. Even today in 'retirement' both are actively involved in promoting Northwestern and the Natchitoches area well beyond this region of the state.

"This marks the first time that the President's Distinguished Service Award at Northwestern has ever been awarded to a husband and wife, and it is appropriate and meaningful that this significant honor is bestowed upon such a dynamic, productive, and deserving couple as Tom and Maxine Southerland."

A graduate of Louisiana State Normal School, Tom Paul Southerland earned a master's and doctorate at LSU. He was an administrator at Northwestern from 1966 until his retirement in 1986 and came to NSU after serving four years as assistant superintendent for instruction for the Rapides Parish School Board. Southerland was the university's dean of the College of Education from 1966 until 1975 and dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research from 1975 until 1978. In 1978, Southerland was appointed vice president for academic affairs and was named executive vice president in 1982. He was named vice president emeritus in 1987. He is a 2001 inductee in the NSU Hall of Distinguished Educators.

Southerland was instrumental in establishing admissions standards for teacher education and developing 14 new programs for the College of Education as well as securing a specialist and doctorate program. He led the College of Education to full accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher

Education. Under his leadership, NSU constructed the Teacher Education Center, the Middle Lab School and the Health and Human Performance Building.

Throughout his career, Southerland remained active professionally, making presentations at state and regional conferences and publishing in national educational journals. He served on the Board of Trustees Task Force for Quality in Higher Education and the Governor's Block Grant Advisory Council. Southerland served as president of the



Dr. Tom Paul Southerland, Dr. Randall J. Webb, and Maxine Aycock Southerland

Rapides Parish chapter of the Louisiana Teachers Association, the Louisiana School Supervisors Association and NSU's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. He represented Louisiana at the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education Leadership Conference was elected to the board of directors of the Southern States Work Conference and was a director of LUMCON.

Southerland has been active civic and community affairs serving as president and member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce and the Natchitoches – Northwestern Symphony Society. He was also on the board of directors of the Louisiana Outdoor Drama Amphitheater.

Southerland served in the U.S. Navy and a coach, teacher, principal and administrator in Rapides Parish before returning to Northwestern.

Maxine Southerland received her

bachelor's degree from Louisiana State Normal College and a master's at Northwestern and did master's plus 30 work at NSU and LSU. She taught and headed home economics departments at several high schools and was an associate professor of home economics at Northwestern. In addition, Maxine Southerland was head dietician at Charity Hospital in Pineville and was a dietician for several institutions during the summer.

For 35 years, she has been active in the Association for Preservation of Historic Natchitoches as president since 1989, vice president from 1980 until 1989, chairperson of Historic Lemee House and Melrose Historic Home and a board member since 1968. While she has been president, APHN acquired the cabin of Clementine Hunter and placed it at the Melrose Historic Complex. The organization also acquired the Kate Chopin Home, which was later named a National Historic Landmark. APHN also received the Harnett T. Kane Preservation Award by the Louisiana Landmark Society, Inc. Under her leadership, the Association also did more than \$135,000 in restoration work at Lemee House and the Big House at Melrose.

Maxine Southerland also was president of the Natchitoches – Northwestern Symphony Society, the Louisiana Home Economics Committee, Alpha Delta Kappa, Kappa Iota, Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was also director and curator of the Louisiana State Museum, History of Louisiana Education and a member of the board of directors of the Louisiana State Council on Aging.

She is a 2003 inductee in the NSU Hall of Distinguished Educators. Her awards include Woman of the Year from the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mattie O' Daniel Award given to a senior as the most outstanding student teacher. She was named to Who's Who Among American Women and received the Educational Award, a grant to the Museum for the History of Louisiana Education for outstanding achievement in 1983, 1984 and 1987.

Past recipients of the award include: Bill Brent, E. Loneta Graves, Dr. Hiram F. "Pete" Gregory, Ernest "Slim" Howell, Elise James, and Mildred Moore. III



## Pi Kappa Phi creates historical event with initiation of pledge with 47 year tenure

Charter members of the Pi Kappa Phi Chapter, along with other chapter alumni representing their 1956–1962 collegiate years—at NSU, hosted the group's bi-annual reunion to rekindle friendships and recall fond memories. Ironically, their long-term friendships have included a 1956 Freshman Pledge, Billie Roy Cook. "Pledge Cook" was a carry-forward member of 1955 NSU local fraternity, Phi Kappa Nu.

Jack McCain, owner of McCain's Auto Supply in Natchitoches, was the first initiated member of the NSU Chapter in 1956. Charter Members of Pi Kappa Phi, Mike (Mickey) Murphy, Charles Bice, Bill Plunkett, John Wheat, and Robert Kelley, reunion coordinators, said that during the alumni group's previous reunion in 2001, they voted to end Cook's overextended tenure as a Pledge and bring him into the alumni membership.

Cook is a retired Army Major with two tours in Vietnam as a member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne "Screaming Eagles" and is also a member of the NSU Baseball Hall of Fame. His extraordinary pitching abilities on the NSU college level brought him *MVP Honors in the Gulf States Conference 1957-58* and *Winningest College Baseball Pitcher in the Nation—1957*. Cook was the first baseball player to be inducted into the *NSU Hall of Fame* in 1976 and after 44 years, still holds one of the pitching records at NSU for most total wins.

Bill married Natchitoches hometown sweetheart, Mary Ellen LaCaze, while attending NSU. This year marks their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have four sons and 6 grandchildren.

The Ritual Team of Beta Omicron Chapter, along with the Alumni Chapter Board, bestowed the initiation Ritual honors, on Friday evening, October 24, 2003 to Bill Cook. The Pi Kappa Phi National Headquarters confirmed that Cook's initiation represents the longest tenure as a pledge in the history of Pi Kappa Phi. This historic event coincided with NSU's Homecoming weekend.



Founders of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi reunited during Homecoming. Shown are (front) Mike Murphy ('60), John McTyre ('57), Jack McCain ('56), Larry Rice ('62), Charles Bice ('59), Karl Moore ('60), Bill Plunkett ('58), (back) John Wheat ('59), Robert Kelley ('58), Bill Coney ('59), George Cameron ('64), Charles Varnell ('67), Maxie Almond ('58), John Echols ('58), Donald Cook and Roy Baldwin ('58).



Billie Roy Cook (center) was initiated into the alumni membership of Pi Kappa Phi. Also shown are Michael Allain ('72) Pi Kappa Phi National Board Member and Jack McCain, 1956 Charter President.

## Keep In Touch With Alumni E-News

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association has created yet another avenue to stay in touch with its alumni and keep them informed on all NSU news and events. The Alumni Association now offers Alumni E-News, an online monthly newsletter.

The E-Newsletter offers a wealth of information from alumni news to university news to sports news.

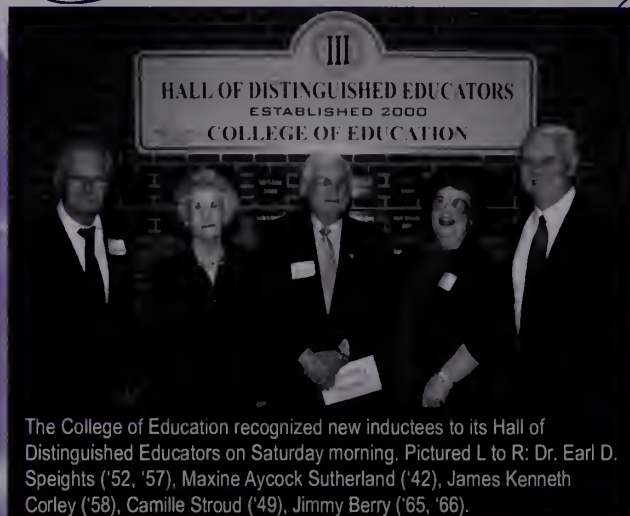
"Currently, we offer the Alumni Columns Magazine four times a year and we feel that reaching our alumni as many times as we can be will very beneficial to us in the future," said Dr. Chris Maggio, Director of Alumni and Development. "We want to keep our alumni so informed, that they will feel like they have never left NSU."

Alumni E-News also offers a variety of informative web site links to different parts of the campus as well as a link to the City of Natchitoches. If an alumnus would like to subscribe to the monthly newsletter, go to [www.enebuilder.net/nsula/index.cfm](http://www.enebuilder.net/nsula/index.cfm).

"Our goal is to have all NSU graduates receiving our monthly E-Alumni Newsletter," said Maggio. "We sent approximately 9,000 e-mails with the first edition but hope to have it grow significantly throughout the year. I encourage all alumni to forward it to any NSU alumni so they may subscribe, too."



# Fall Gatherings &



The College of Education recognized new inductees to its Hall of Distinguished Educators on Saturday morning. Pictured L to R: Dr. Earl D. Speights ('52, '57), Maxine Aycock Sutherland ('42), James Kenneth Corley ('58), Camille Stroud ('49), Jimmy Berry ('65, '66).



Dr. Charles "Red" Thomas, Dr. Sam Coker and Dr. Robert Alost met with other NSU retirees at a reception during Homecoming.



Mildred Moore, Lusetta Anthony and Oneda Morgan visited during the NSU retirees' reception held during Homecoming.



The 1953 Championship Football team held a reunion during Homecoming. Seated are David F. Tyler, Bobby Alost ('57), Charles E. Johnson ('58), Coach Walter Ledet ('39), Robert "Bob" Tatum ('55), Ted Simon ('56) and James "Red" McNew ('57). Standing are Raymond T. Lockwood ('56), J.N. Bourgeois Jr. ('56), Mixon "Doc" Bankston ('56), Dan Chase ('57), Jack G. Bice ('55), Dan Carr ('55), Earl T. Haynes, Ellace J. Bruce ('55) and Jerry G. Epperson ('55).



Alumni enjoyed a round of 18 in the University's annual golf tournament.



# Homecoming 2003



Coach Stoker and the senior football players warm up the crowd for Saturday's game against Nicholls State.



The 2003 Homecoming Court were presented during halftime. Pictures left to right: Terria Ebarb Alexander ('98, '01), Jessica Breaux-Queen, Lamar Bryant-King, and President Webb.



Members of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Tri Sigma celebrate their 75th anniversary with National President Mary Barbee. Pictured left to right: Reatha Cole Cox ('87, '94), Laura Terrell, Barbee, Brooke Courtney, and Misty Chelette Adams ('99).



Mayor Wayne McCullen ('69) and the 2003 NSU Honor Court painted the town purple to celebrate festivities and show NSU school spirit



NSU recognized five new inductees to the N-Club at the induction ceremony on Saturday morning. Pictured L to R: Angie Stockton, wife of the late Steve Stockton, and sons; Darrell Toussaint ('98); Mike Almond ('80); Rhonda Rube Baird ('92); and Les Robertson ('72).

## Record Enrollment Once Again

**F**or the fourth year in a row, Northwestern State University has a record fall enrollment. Northwestern had a fall enrollment of 10,505, an increase of 346 students or 3.4 percent over last fall's student population of 10,159.

"This increase in enrollment is gratifying to all of us associated with Northwestern," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "The university is continuing to attract better students because of strong academics and a student oriented environment that gives them an opportunity to succeed."

Northwestern had enrollment increases on its Shreveport, Leesville/Fort Polk campuses and at other sites that includes electronic classes. Graduate enrollment also rose. First-time freshmen say the university has not lost its personal touch as enrollment has gone up.

"Northwestern made a good scholarship offer to me and I liked the small campus environment," said Elizabeth Hammett, a freshman fashion merchandising major from Baton Rouge. "There are smaller classes here with a good ratio of professors to students. You are also known by name and not by a number."

A stronger emphasis on out-of-state recruitment has also been successful, according to Director of University Recruiting Jana Lucky, who said the number of first-time freshman from outside Louisiana increased by 42 percent this fall.

"Everyone at Northwestern was friendly. They wanted me to come here," said Cody Newsom, a freshman general studies major from Mount Vernon, Texas. "The city of Natchitoches is also appealing with its history and events like the Christmas Festival. Everyone in the community has been very nice. When I go home, I will let people know I have been treated well here."

Attracting and keeping students is a campus wide effort which takes place year round Lucky said.

"Everyone associated with Northwestern is involved with recruiting including faculty, staff, students and alumni," said Lucky. "Even with our recent success, we are driven to continue to attract more outstanding students. The increases drive us to do more."

Lucky said the work done by Luke Dowden, assistant director of university recruiting for graduate and adult studies, and Director of Electronic and Continuing Education Darlene Williams under the direction of Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Anthony Scheffler played an important role in the positive enrollment figures.

According to Lucky, NSU continues working with its students after they make their college decision. Incoming freshmen are helped by NSU's Freshman Connection program and other events planned by the Office of New Student Programs.

"The people at Northwestern got to know me on a personal level," said Mallorie Thornton, a freshman from Winnfield who is a member of the NSU softball team. "That has made the transition to college easy for me. The faculty are very knowledgeable and approachable. They give you their office hours and are available to help you if you need it."

Northwestern also has more than 100 chartered student organizations which help students feel at ease, according to freshman Michael Melsheimer of Baton Rouge.

"At a campus this size, it is easier to make friends," said Melsheimer, a freshman nursing major. "Because of getting involved, I can walk around campus and see people I know all the time. When I was a high school senior, Northwestern let me know that they wanted me to come here. I was a priority to them. I feel like I have a new family here."

## Northwestern Alumnus Named Vice President of University Affairs



**John Dilworth** has been named vice president for university affairs at Northwestern State University. His appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Dilworth has been chief operation officer for Caddo Public Schools for the past three years. In that position, he was responsible for matters related to teaching, learning, school operations and support in a system of 45,000. Dilworth assisted in the design, development and implementation of multiple programs resulting in significant improvement for academic success for students. He also led a committee in revising the district's discipline policy to assure consistency in the disciplining of students. Dilworth also assisted with the adjusting of the district's attendance zone boundaries for better utilization of facilities.

"Mr. Dilworth was an outstanding candidate for this position. The screening committee was unanimous in its recommendation of him," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "I have known and respected him for some time,



since he has worked for many years in the Caddo Parish School System. My admiration for him and his professional expertise grew even more when I carefully analyzed his credentials and personal traits in relation to the kind of individual I was seeking for this vice presidential appointment. John Dilworth is an exceptional person, in whom I have the utmost confidence. He will be a welcome addition to the Northwestern Family."

From 1992 until 2000, Dilworth served as a troubleshooter principal and was successful in improving the school climate, test scores and enrollment at Fair Park High School, Huntington High School and Broadmoor Middle Laboratory School.

Dilworth joined the Caddo Parish school system in 1977 as a teacher and coach, teaching health, physical education, special education and driver education at Woodlawn, Booker T. Washington and Southwood high schools. From 1986 until 1992, he was assistant principal at Captain Shreve High School.

He received a bachelor's and master's degree at NSU. Dilworth also completed additional graduate work at Centenary College, Grambling State University, LSU-Shreveport, Louisiana Tech University and NSU.

A member of the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame, Dilworth played in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins for three seasons and with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Dilworth was named Educator of the Year at Captain Shreve, Huntington and in the Caddo Parish School District. He was chosen for induction into the Captain Shreve Hall of Fame.

## NSU PREP Program Helps Professionals Find a Second Career in Education

Northwestern State University is looking for a few good people who want to be teachers. NSU PREP (Preparing Responsive Educators Program) has been developed to recruit, select, train and certify teachers for classrooms in an 11-parish area in north and central Louisiana.

Under the program, persons can gain teacher certification in an accelerated format. NSU PREP will begin in June 2004.

According to NSU Prep Enrollment Coordinator April Matt, requirements include a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university by May 31, 2004 and a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Those who want to enroll in NSU PREP must also pass the Praxis I reading, writing and mathematics test and the Praxis II Subject Area test. They must also submit an application for enrollment in PREP, a resume and application for admission to NSU's Graduate School. Three official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended are also required.

"NSU PREP is looking for people who have no background in the field of education but have a desire to become a teacher," said Matt. "This program will give people the training they need to step into a classroom and begin making a difference in the lives of young people and in their community."

People from all professions or area of study are ideal for NSU PREP, especially those who have excelled as students or in their previous careers and are looking for opportunities to teach.

"Achievers who have the flexibility and initiative to adapt to a new environment and who are excited by challenges and the opportunity to teach where there talents are most needed are also the kind of people we are looking for," said Matt. "Those who also see the issues facing education in Louisiana, recognize the need for teachers and are looking for a way to do something about it are also encouraged to enroll."

Northwestern's College of Education has been working on PREP for the past three years. The university recently received a National Teacher's Program grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents to expand its reach.

The university is looking to place teachers, especially those in mathematics, science and special education, in school systems in Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Vernon and Winn parishes.

"The program has been well received by each school system we have talked with," said Matt. "They are enthusiastic about having those who complete NSU PREP begin working in the classroom."

For more information, contact Matt at (318) 357-6014 or at [matta@nsula.edu](mailto:matta@nsula.edu). III

## Scholars' College graduate has great memories of Northwestern



**Daryl Willis**, a 1991 Louisiana Scholars' College graduate, is a member of the planning and strategy team at BP corporate headquarters in London. His responsibilities include the long term planning of the firm for the exploration and production segment of BP.

Willis was a member of the first class to graduate from the Scholars' College.

"It was tough, we started out with 100 (students), and there were only ten when we finished," Willis said. He received a Bachelor of Science with concentration in scientific inquiry from NSU. Willis continued his education at the University of New Orleans where he obtained a master's in geology and geophysics.

He remembers fondly his time at NSU and the education he received.

"I see the working world as a treadmill with little time to explore," Willis said. "I miss the space to think."

While at NSU, Willis was named Mr. NSU and was also president of the Student Activities Board. Carl Henry, director of student activities, remembers working with Willis. "He is one of the most extraordinary people I have ever met," Henry said.

When looking back on his years at Northwestern, Willis describes them as a "utopian vision—a great place with great experiences."

### 1942

Patrick C. Nation is retired and lives in Minden.

### 1943

Etoile Mobley Richey is a self-employed piano tuner and lives in Shreveport.

### 1954

Frank D. Lonadier is an instructor at Sinclair Community College, married and lives in Dayton, Ohio.

### 1955

Jack M. Sharp is retired, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Laura Irene Long Marker is a retired teacher, married and lives in Fredericksburg, Texas.

### 1957

Bobby F. Dowden is retired, married to Gertrude Eloise "Trudy" Krumm Dowden ('57) and lives in Princeton, Texas.

### 1960

Carl Coleman Smith is a retired pastor, married and lives in Florien.

W. Mead Middleton is an examination specialist for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Memphis. He is married to Suzanne Swann Middleton ('59) and lives in Collierville, Tenn.

Sue Imhoff retired from education after 44 years and is now working part-time for the ministry of the arts of the sisters of St. Joseph. She lives in Desplaines, Ill.

Wanda Lawrence Gunn is a chief academic officer for Caddo Parish School Board, married and lives in Shreveport.

Jimmie Nelle Adams Lewis is a retired elementary supervisor, married and lives in Alexandria.

### 1961

Frank Hudson retired from the Army and the USAF Civil Service and lives in Yorktown, Va.

### 1965

Norman Brown is the pastor of Chapel United Methodist Church and lives in Pensacola, Fla.

### 1967

Sandra Byrd McWaters is a homemaker, married and lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

### 1969

Walter B. Allbritton is employed by Noble Drilling as an electrician, married to Cheryl S. Allbritton (94) and lives in Tullos.

Susan Rigg Woodard is a registrar and guidance secretary at Camp Lejeune High School, married and lives in Jacksonville, N.C.

Dr. M. Cynthia Kittler is an assistant professor of biology at Grambling State University.

### 1971

Mary Cathy Bankston DeLee is a retired RN House Manager, married and lives in Ethel.

### 1972

Evangeline Cheryl Ramsey Eber is a teacher for Oxford City Schools, married and lives in Oxford, Miss.

### 1973

James Campbell is retired and lives in Shreveport.

Eldon Hodges Cook retired from the United States Air Force as a C-130 Aircraft Instructor Pilot, is married and lives in Hereford, Ariz.

Dr. Vaughan Stagg is a clinical administrator and assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh and lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Claudia Penny Dreher Lyons is the director of international student services at Southern Arkansas University, married and lives in Taylor, Ark.

### 1974

John Clement is the director of bands at Mesa High School and lives in Gilbert, Ariz.

### 1975

Tonya Dobson Day is a senior human resource analyst for the City of Baton Rouge, and lives in Baton Rouge.

David Randy Rumbelow set a Guinness Book of World Records for continuously playing the piano 53 hours straight.



Linda Kaye German Davis Eden is a physician assistant / internal medicine at UNT-HSC, married and lives in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Claudia Joyce Lamb is a staff nurse and case manager at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and lives in Sulphur.

### 1976

Joe Lang is an accountant for the Vernon Parish Police Jury and lives in Leesville.

### 1978

Rhonda Lee Bennett Moore is a fifth grade teacher for Victory Academy, married and lives in Greenwell Springs.

Rodney W. Allen is a registered nurse at Cornerstone Hospital, married and lives in Bossier City.

Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Phillips II is a chief engineer for L&M Botruc Rental, married and lives in Many.

Annabel Bozeman is a librarian assistant for Baker & Botts L.L.P. and lives in Katy, Texas.

Donald Evans is a senior buyer for the City of Shreveport and was recently awarded the certified professional public buyer designation by the UPPCC Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council.

### 1979

Helen Claire Hubley Powell is a homemaker and lives in Tyler, Texas.

Bridget A. Walker Bailey is district manager for Abbott Labs, married and lives in O'Fallon, Mo.

Gwen Barrett Lucky is the assistant director of nursing for Haven Home Health in Columbia, married and lives in Georgetown.

David Karl Carpenter is principal at Carter C. Raymond Middle School, married to Terri Rudd Carpenter ('80) and lives in Pineville.

### 1981

Robert Gordon is a survey coordinator for Hunter Associates, married and lives in Cedar Hill, Texas.

### 1982

Donna E. Byrne Rimmer is an account manager for Bell South, married and lives in Benton.

Helen LeFevre is the head girls basketball coach at Sulphur High School and lives in Lake Charles.

Archie Anderson is vice president of sales and marketing for Genex Services, married and lives in Phoenixville, Pa.

Julia Ann Friedman is a stay at home mom and lives in Bronx, N.Y.

### 1983

Deborah Hoffman White is an alcohol and drug specialist for the U.S. government and lives in Pusan, South Korea at Camp Hialeah.

Jeffrey Allen Lechman is a division manager for Citigroup, married and lives in Shreveport.

### 1984

Loleta Myles Holley is a self-employed drilling consultant, married and lives in Shreveport.

### 1985

Paula Lindsey Greetham is the systems integration director for the US Army Corps of Engineers Research & Development Center. She is married and lives in Vicksburg, Miss.

Lois E. Weaver Patterson is a homemaker, married and lives in Shreveport.

Janice Farrington Ward is a teacher for Center Independent School District, married and lives in Nacogdoches, Texas.

### 1988

Dan Batchelor is the associate pastor of administration at Parkview Baptist Church and lives in Baton Rouge.

### 1990

Yvette D. Perry, Ph.D. is the director of the distinguished scholars program at Houston Christian High School, married and lives in Houston.

### 1991

Jill Davis Deuel is a program manager for the Air Force Audit Agency at Brooks City Base and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Lisle M. Bergmann Meador is an assistant principal at Benton Elementary, married and lives in Doyline.

Anne M. LaHaye is a special agent for the FBI and lives in Laredo, Texas.

### 1992

Patty Nevills Blueitt is a legal assistant for North Harris Montgomery Community College District, attending South Texas College of Law, married and lives in Crosby, Texas.

Rebecca McCary Willis is a property accountant for General Growth Properties, married and lives in Bossier City.

### 1993

Marcus Marion Crider is an attorney for Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, PLLC, married and lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Kelley Kingrey is the central branch manager for Calcasieu Parish Library, married to C. Michael Edwards ('95) and lives in Lake Charles.

Dr. Kelly Dianne Paulk Ray is a psychologist and lives in Baton Rouge.

### 1994

Paul Arevalo is a juvenile probation officer for Harris County Juvenile Probation, married and lives in Houston.

Brent Baker is a senior associate at Land Design Studio, married and lives in Round Rock, Texas.

Dr. Esther Mayfield Hollway is a family practice resident at LSUHSC Practice Department, married and lives in Keithville.

Angel Vitte Huval is the director of St. Martin Parish School Health Center and lives in Lafayette.

Cheryl Steen Allbritton is a fifth grade teacher for the LaSalle Parish School Board, married to Walter B. Allbritton ('69) and lives in Tullos.

### 1995

Sarah Harrison Zeagler is married, the mother of three sons and lives in Natchitoches.

Nolan Bailey is a system software engineer for MCI and lives in Rowlett, Texas.

Susan Christine Roy Danzy is a breeder technical advisor for Tyson Foods, married and lives in London, Ark.

Jennifer Birdwell Cheramie is a law clerk for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, married and lives in Gretna.

Brian Humphrey is a financial representative for Fidelity Investments, married and lives in Frisco, Texas.

Debi Cost is a project manager for Primedia and lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Derek Dodson is a minister to students at First Baptist Church, married and lives in Weatherford, Texas.

Sam Dupree is an engineering technician for Louisiana DOTD, married and lives in Goldonna.

## 1996

Patrice Marie Caponi Brewer is a teacher at Keene High School, married and lives in Keene, N.H.

Howard Heath White is an instructor pilot for Euro-Nato Jet Pilot Training, married to Jennifer White ('95) and lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Lauren E. Legendre is a trader for Maverick Capital Ltd. and lives in New York, N.Y.

## 1997

Brandi R. Darbonne recently received her commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Roblyn Gass Sliwinski is the administrative manager for Bruce Spizer, APLC and 498 Production. She lives in New Orleans.

Sonia Cox Tinsley is an assistant professor of physical education at St. Andrews College, married to Jason Tinsley ('89) and lives in Pembroke, N.C.

Angela Robinson Ross is the co-owner of Sassagoula Falls Adventure Golf, married and lives in West Monroe.

Terrance K. Bean is an enterprise account executive for AT&T, married and lives in Humble, Texas.

Julie Michele Frazier Liles is a loan officer for Bank of Winnfield, married and lives in Dodson.

Jennifer Lee Barron Johnson is a registered nurse at the Children's Hospital of Austin, married to Steve Johnson ('99) and lives in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Brett Welch is the director of institutional effectiveness at McNeese State University and lives in Lake Charles.

Gayle Juneau is assistant director of the student center at the University of West Florida and lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Nicholas Adam Simokaitis is an investment representative for Fidelity Investments, married to Lauren Webb Simokaitis (97) and lives in Kirkwood, Mo.

Lauren Webb Simokaitis is a homemaker, married to Nicholas Adam Simokaitis ('97) and lives in Kirkwood, Mo.

## 1998

Blythe Leinenweber Baskin is an insurance advisor for State Farm, married and lives in Frisco, Texas.

Alyson Courtney is a TV news reporter for KTHV Channel 11, married and lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Shannon Elizabeth Booty is an advertising account representative for Louisiana Directories and lives in Shreveport.

L. Laban Levy is an attorney/law clerk for the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeals, married to Melissa A. Murph Levy ('03) and lives in Bossier City.

Amber Jean Jordan Barker is head nurse of L&D at Evans Army Community Hospital at Fort Carson, married and lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## 1999

Gylles Landry is an account executive for Marriot Hotels and lives in Houston.

Diana Rodriguez Whitton is a costume designer, married and lives in Ft. Irwin, Calif.

Kari Harman Laudenslager is a stay at home mom and lives in Warner, Ga.

Jennifer Marie Fabre is a licensed physical therapist, certified strength and conditioning specialist. She was awarded the Huel D. Perkins Fellowship for Doctoral Studies and lives in Baton Rouge

Tony Morgan is a clinical coordinator at Baylor University Medical Center and lives in Dallas.

Kenneth LeBaron is the CEO of National Nurses of America staffing agency and lives in Alexandria.

Carla J. Hassan-Williams is a homemaker, married to Casey S. Williams ('99) and resides in Melrose and San Marcos, Texas.

Charlotte A. Lachney Long is employed by the state of Louisiana, Office of Community Services as a child welfare specialist in foster care, married to John Long ('02) and lives in Marksville.

Jason R. Miller is rehab sales specialist for Home Care Supply, married and lives in Amory, Miss.

Susan Lorraine Marsh is an associate for Staples and lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

## 2000

Christopher Michael Pritchett is a sales manager for Colt Industries, married and lives in Shreveport.

CeCe Archield is a graduate student at LSU, interning at the district attorney's office and lives in Baton Rouge.

Scott Lee Dodd is a graduate student in the medical physics department at the University of Cincinnati.

Susan Christina Jarnagin Cook is a radiologic technologist at Christus Coughatta Health Care Center, married and lives in Campiti.



Jeremy Glenn Simmons is a department head at Litho, Coating & Coil at Silgan Containers Mfg. Corporation, married and lives in St. Joseph, Mo.

Michelle Theriot Carbo is a technology education coordinator for Amedisys Inc., married and lives in Denham Springs.

Terrick Harrell is a computer assistant for the Department of Agriculture and lives in Alexandria.

Brandon Favors is in the United States Navy, married to Rachel Kimball Favors ('02) and lives in Kingsland, Ga.

## 2001

Melissa Basco Gardner is a second grade teacher at Faith Christian Academy and lives in New Orleans.

Cristy Kay Kolwe Scott is health care representative for Pfizer Pharmaceutical, married to Casey Scott ('00) and lives in Orange, Texas.

Anuj Madan is a corporate credit risk analyst for Washington Mutual Bank and lives in Seattle, Wash.

Jessica Gilmore is employed at Woodvale Interior as an interior designer and lives in Ruston,

Heather Erin McCardle is a certified Public Accountant for Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP and lives in New Orleans.

## 2002

Brooke Nicole Patterson is an accountant for Trammell Crow Company and lives in Plano, Texas.

Vanessa Byrd is an office assistant, accounting tutor at Kingwood College and lives Kingwood, Texas

Clint P. Sanford is a fifth grade teacher for Calcasieu Parish School Board, married to Kathryn Sanford ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

Kathryn Ruth Crick Sanford is employed at Sulphur Family Dental Clinic, married to Clint P. Sanford ('02) and lives in Sulphur.

Elona Boggs Weston is editor of the Beauregard Daily News, married and lives in Sugartown.

Cherie' Renee' Brookman is a vet tech at Chemstrand Oaks Veterinary Hospital and lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Rachel Kimball Favors is employed by Southeast Georgia Health Systems, married to Brandon Scott Favors ('00) and lives in Kingsland, Ga.

LaTasha Preylo is a member service representative for American Airlines Federal Credit Union and lives in Euless, Texas.

Johnathan Sexton is employed by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a programmer in the Information Systems Division.

David Knox is a portfolio analyst for Fayeze Sarofim and lives in Houston, Texas

## 2003

Britney Thrasher is an office manager for Bienville Parish School Board and lives in Castor.

Deran Schillings is a project manager for Icabob Designs and lives in Livingston, Texas.

Angela Rane' Warnock Barton is a fifth grade teacher at Wills Point Middle School, married to Joseph Barton ('02) and lives in Wills Point, Texas.

Jeremy K. Johnson is a CFO/COO at the Bank of Montgomery and lives in Montgomery.

Shymika Stephenson is a program director for the Boy and Girls Club of Acadiana and lives in Lafayette.

Gina Hansen is a computer programmer for AECOM Government Services and lives in Leesville.



## In Memory

Adele Erwin "Nanny" Byrd  
Frank M. Lampkin, Jr.  
Dorothy Lillian Witherup,  
Algiers

1934 Mrs. Clifford Lee,  
Shreveport, June 27, 2003

1935 Dudley Fulton,  
Natchitoches, August 18, 2003

1940 Mildred Purcell Adams

1948 Patsy Barnes Haley

1967 Thomas Richard Cousins



Funeral services were held Nov. 26 for NSU alumnus Julian Foy, 53, of Many. Foy died at his home Nov. 23.

Foy served on the NSU Foundation board. He was a former alumni advisor and later was on the board of directors for Kappa Alpha Order at NSU. Foy, the owner of Julian Foy Motors, Inc., was named the 2003 Louisiana Automobile Dealer Association Dealer of the Year and was past president of the LADA.

For many years, Foy hosted annual Alumni Association gatherings at his home in Many.



Memorial services for Ann Williams Brittain, 68, of Natchitoches were held Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Brittain did post-graduate work at Northwestern and was active in community affairs.

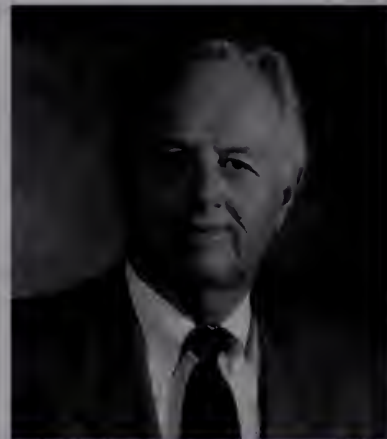
She was a member of the NSU Athletic Association and the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society. Brittain was also honored by the university with an Nth Degree which is given in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty and the willingness to go the "extra mile" in meritorious service to mankind.

# LOOKING BACK

## The NSU Swim Team- Then and Now

Camaraderie and enthusiasm still abounded during the Swim Team Reunion held during NSU's Homecoming activities. Mr. Ken Howard shared the picture below of the 1952 Swim team with friends that gathered at the reunion.

Shown in the Homecoming picture are (front) Bob Vorhees ('52), Myron Lockey ('53), James "Ken" Howard ('53), Jeff Hennessy ('58), Leo Ellison ('56), (back) Dean Clark ('56), Jack Gaston ('52), Pat Todd, Sr. ('54), Peyton Cunningham, Jr.



Mickey Gunn, NSU Swim Team member from 1948 to 1951, is a member of the 1998 Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame.

## Guess Who?

Can you guess the names of these members of the 1980 softball team? If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486. The first five people to call with the correct answers will win a prize!





# Alumni Information Update

Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Class Notes" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU undergraduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU graduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

During which years did you attend NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's graduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, you can contact them at the following address:

Director of Admissions  
Northwestern  
State University  
Room 103, Roy Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-4503  
800-426-3754 (Louisiana)  
800-327-1903 (out of state)

Director of Financial Aid  
Northwestern  
State University  
Room 109, Roy Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5961

Athletic Director  
Northwestern  
State University  
Room 101C  
Athletic Fieldhouse  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5251

## *Long Purple Line*



Northwestern inducted five new members into the Long Purple Line at the Homecoming Banquet. Pictured left to right are Gary Fields, Grover Davis, LTG Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr., Dr. Patricia Thompson and Theodore "Ted" L. Jones.

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